

**U.S. Embassy
La Paz, Bolivia
Security Message for U.S. Citizens**

Social Movement Summit in Cochabamba

August 1, 2013

This message is being issued to notify U.S. citizens that the Bolivian government-sponsored *Cumbre Anti Imperialista y Anti Capitalista de los Pueblos* taking place in Cochabamba, Bolivia, is likely to result in disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic as well as potentially trigger demonstrations. Consequently, the Consular Agency in Cochabamba will suspend routine consular services for the general public from Thursday August 1, 2013 through Friday, August 2, 2013. Currently there is no specific information regarding threats to U.S. interests or U.S. citizens in Cochabamba.

The Consular Agency will resume normal operations on Monday, August 5, 2013 unless it is declared a Bolivian holiday. The Consular Agency will be closed on Tuesday August 6, 2013 for a Bolivian Holiday. We regret any inconvenience this suspension of routine services may cause.

Persons seeking emergency ACS services from the Consular Agency Cochabamba during this period may contact the Consular Agency via e-mail at ConsularCochabamba@state.gov. Persons may also seek emergency assistance by contacting the American Citizen Services Unit, U.S. Embassy in La Paz at (2) 216-8246 or via email at ConsularLaPazACS@state.gov.

U.S citizens are reminded of the following emergency preparedness advice and directives:

- Maintain an adequate supply of food, water, medicines, and any other necessary items for your family on hand in your home.
- Fill your vehicle with gas and avoid letting it get below half tank.
- Avoid areas where roadblocks and demonstrations are occurring and do not attempt to run blockades.
- U.S. citizens are advised to actively monitor the local media.

The U.S. Embassy reminds you that demonstrations and road blockades are not unusual in Bolivia. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence between security forces, demonstrators, and bystanders. U.S. citizens should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to what the local news media has to say. Please note that the police have limited capabilities outside major cities and communication is poor.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the Embassy website, found [here](#).

Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, by calling the regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly at the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the embassy/consulates to contact them in case of emergency. Stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook, and download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.

You can contact the American Citizen Services Unit at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia, via e-mail at ConsularLaPazACS@state.gov or by telephone at 591-2-216-8246 during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or 591-216-8000, after hours and on weekends. The U.S. Embassy is located at 2780 Arce Avenue in La Paz, Bolivia, and is open to the public by appointment on Monday through Thursday from 08:00 to 12:30, and Thursdays from 14:00 to 16:00. You can schedule a non-emergency appointment by visiting this website <http://bolivia.usembassy.gov/>.

The Embassy operates two Consular Agencies in the cities of Santa Cruz and Cochabamba, Bolivia. These agencies can also provide assistance to U.S. citizens. The Santa Cruz Consular Agency is located on Roque Aguilera Avenue #146 (3rd ring), telephone 591-3-351-3477. The Cochabamba Consular Agency is located on Edificio Saal, Avenida Pando 1122, 1st Floor. You can contact the Cochabamba Consular Agency by telephone at 591-4-411-6313, during regular business hours (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.). If you wish to visit the Consular Agencies for a non-emergency matter, please schedule an appointment through this website.